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Snowy December leaves city in the red

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Departments told to tighten belts in face of \$6.2M deficit



A massive snowfall in late 2016 has left city hall with no choice but to begin fiscal belt-tightening just weeks into the new year, according to Winnipeg's finance chairman.

Coun. Scott Gillingham said early estimates show the city spent \$18.9 million on snow removal in December, which has left the finance department predicting the city will close last year

\$6.2 million in the red, based on figures from Nov. 30.

Each snow-clearing operation generally costs between \$6 million and \$7 million.

A new financial report — which the finance committee will discuss on Monday — says the budget for winter street maintenance was \$28 million, and the city is expected to have spent \$11 million above and beyond that,

for a total of \$39 million.

A previous financial estimate had the city on track to have a \$2.5-million surplus — but that was before Mother Nature dropped 68.8 cm of snow on Winnipeg in December, which left crews working around the clock.

"This was just almost an anomaly," Gillingham said on Thursday, pointing out the city has ended the past few years in

the black.

"The sheer amount of snow obviously that had to be moved through December is what really has had the most detrimental impact on our year-end in position."

But now that city hall is staring at a deficit, he said all departments have been instructed to tighten up their discretionary spending.

That's partly because the 2017

budget was built on expecting a \$9.5-million transfer of leftover money from 2016, which no longer exists.

Gillingham expressed some hope the deficit could decrease once the final year-end numbers are tallied and presented at the finance committee's meeting on Feb. 13.

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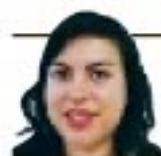
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Three to see

These Manitoba musicians are making moves in 2017. Begonia, The Treble and 3Peat all have new releases, tours and festival spots in the works.



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg



Alexa Dirks, who goes by Begonia on stage, is dropping her debut EP *Lady in Mind* on Mar. 3 at the West End Cultural Centre. MANITOBA MUSIC

1 Begonia

Alexa Dirks is a powerhouse singer from the Juno Award-winning group Chic Gamine, who's venturing solo in 2017 as Begonia. Her debut EP, *Lady in Mind*, drops at the West End Cultural Centre on March 3 — a show that's been sold out for months. Before that, she's touring Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec in January and February, spreading sass and infectious soul-pop across the country. Having landed on Best of 2016 lists from CBC Music and The Line of Best Fit, Begonia is already garnering major buzz thanks to her live gigs and catchy singles. Just wait until she drops a full album.



3Peat, a rap trio from Winnipeg, dropped their self-titled debut EP last fall and are touring the festival circuit this winter. MANITOBA MUSIC

2 3Peat

Winnipeg's hip-hop scene is burgeoning thanks in part to these three. Steve, E.GG and Dill The Giant are 3Peat, a rap group with a reputation for gritty and high-energy shows. The trio released their self-titled debut EP in September and each member is also poised to drop solo efforts shortly.

Look out for them at Snowdance Festival and Big Fun Festival this month before they jet off to rub elbows with industry titans at Canadian Music Week in Toronto this April.

By the looks of their first music video, *Sentimental Mood*, Winnipeg fans need not worry about being abandoned. It's very much team YWG.

Mature language warning

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Alt-rock band The Treble release their first full-length album, *Modernaires*, on Feb. 10. MANITOBA MUSIC

3 The Treble

It's been almost three years since The Treble released new music and after a rowdy return to the stage at the West End Cultural Centre in November, it's clear fans felt their absence.

After releasing two independent EPs and opening for the likes of the Lumineers, the Trews and Down With Webster, the Treble recently signed with Cadence Music.

Their first full-length disc, *Modernaires*, drops Feb. 10, produced by Rob Wells, who's worked with Ariana Grande and Justin Bieber.

Expect more extensive touring from the five-piece in March and April, and more creative music videos like the pixelstick and stop-motion feat they pulled off for their latest single *Wherever You Go*.

5 Things to do this weekend

Avenge the death of Princess Leia this weekend, brush up on your French, go dance, or take in standup.

JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/FOR METRO

1 Paint Party

Moonlight as Picasso while helping fundraise for youth mental health programs Friday. The Glenwood Community Centre (27 Overton St.) hosts a paint party

starting at 7 p.m., with instruction by Kisa MacIsaac of Power of Painting. Tickets \$25, including snacks and art supplies. Proceeds go to Inspire Community Outreach Inc. and Jack.org.

2 The Trope Show

Comedian Melanie Dahling hosts a Friday standup show at Wee Johnny's Pub (177 McDermot Ave.). Nine comics take the stage not once,

but twice, doing a regular set first, then in the second half, perform a trope (popular character or archetype). Show starts 9 p.m., \$5 cover.

3 Moi, monsieur, moi!

Le Cercle Moliere (340 Provencher Blvd.) is Canada's oldest permanent theatre company with uninterrupted programming. Their new show — *Moi, monsieur, moi!* (on until Jan. 28) — follows a

Senegalese girl born to a family of seven and "borrowed" to various family members. English subtitles are available. Tickets range from about \$19 to \$37. Visit cerclemoliere.com for show times.

4 Ocean's 11 & Under

DJ Mama Cutsworth brings back her popular family dance party for tweens and tots Sunday. Ocean's 11 & Under shakes down at The Good Will Social Club (625 Portage Ave.) from

1 to 5 p.m., with an aquatic theme this time around. Cover is \$5, with babes in arms getting in for free. DJ Tanner is a special guest and costumes are encouraged.

5 Saber class

If you're still hoping to avenge the death of Carrie Fisher, maybe try saber class to rid of some angst. The Star Wars-inspired exercise is free for first-timers and happens every second Sunday at the

South Gym at Red River College (2055 Notre Dame Ave.) from 8 to 10 p.m. If you don't have your own saber or safety gear, there are some onsite. Bring workout clothes, water and The Force, of course.



Montreal Canadiens' Artturi Lehkonen (62) scores on Winnipeg Jets goaltender Michael Hutchinson (34) as Jets' Toby Enstrom (39) defends and Canadiens' Paul Byron (41) looks on during third period NHL action in Winnipeg on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nowhere to go but up for losing Jets

Frustration at tough loss to Montreal

JONES ON JETS

Braeden Jones



The Winnipeg Jets stunk so bad Wednesday night, their coach compared their play to, er, equestrian waste.

Paul Maurice was fuming mad at his team on the bench, and had choice words in an honest press conference following the humbling 7-4 loss at the hands of the Montreal Canadiens.

His frustration matched that of fans, who are by now tired of the team's inability to surpass a win percentage of .500, despite often playing so-so well between hapless losses.

On Thursday, after a fast-paced Jets practice filled with drills rather than bag-skating,

Maurice commented that he opted to treat the players like men rather than skate them into the ice, learn from the loss rather than fume about it.

He said the team went through "things that put (them) in a bad mood" Wednesday night, and they are talking about things that need to be done better, a "certain pace" they need to hit, a "level" they need to get to.

The local Canadian Sports Centre's Director of Sport Psychology, Dr. Adrienne Leslie-Toogood, said that kind of productive, introspective approach is what the team needs in order to recover after the epic collapse.

She said it is mentally tough for any athlete to suffer a loss like the Jets did this week, but if they can learn from it, such a trouncing just might have an upside.

"You can learn a lot when you hit rock bottom," she said.

Comparing this kind of loss to an anabolic training phase, she said an epic defeat is, psychologically, a chance

to "bounce back with more strength."

"Rather than wallowing in it, it's important to learn something from it and get better moving forward — obviously if you have a failure experience there's something you can grow on, something to do better — so to have the courage to look at it and improve is the best way to go," Leslie-Toogood explained.

The Jets season to date, during which they've failed to win more than three consecutive games a startling six times, has had highs that may have bred a sense of false security or complacency, and lows in which a few things go wrong to throw it all off.

But if Maurice and the Jets consider Wednesday's low as lower than most, look at it critically and learn from it, it may be the teachable moment this young team needed to break the win-win-loss pattern.

"We can't fix (Wednesday) night but we get an opportunity to play a hell of a lot harder (Friday)," he said.

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Zoo names pair of new polar bear cubs

ASSINIBOINE PARK

4,000 votes help deem duo Nanuq, Siku



Lucy Scholey
Metro | Winnipeg

Assiniboine Park Zoo's two new furry residents finally have

names.

The female polar bear cub is now named Nanuq, the Inuit word for polar bear, while the male cub goes by Siku, the Inuit word for ice.

About 4,000 votes were cast in an online poll over the weekend, with Nanuq and Siku coming up as the "clear winners," according to an Assiniboine Park Conservancy press release.

Children and staff at the Churchill Children's Centre

submitted name suggestions for the female cub, while the Assiniboine Park Conservancy staff submitted names for the male cub. Zoo representatives narrowed down the two lists.

"These cubs serve as ambassadors for polar bears living in the north whose habitat is threatened due to climate change," said Johanna Soto, curator of animal care and behavioural husbandry at Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "Involving the community in the

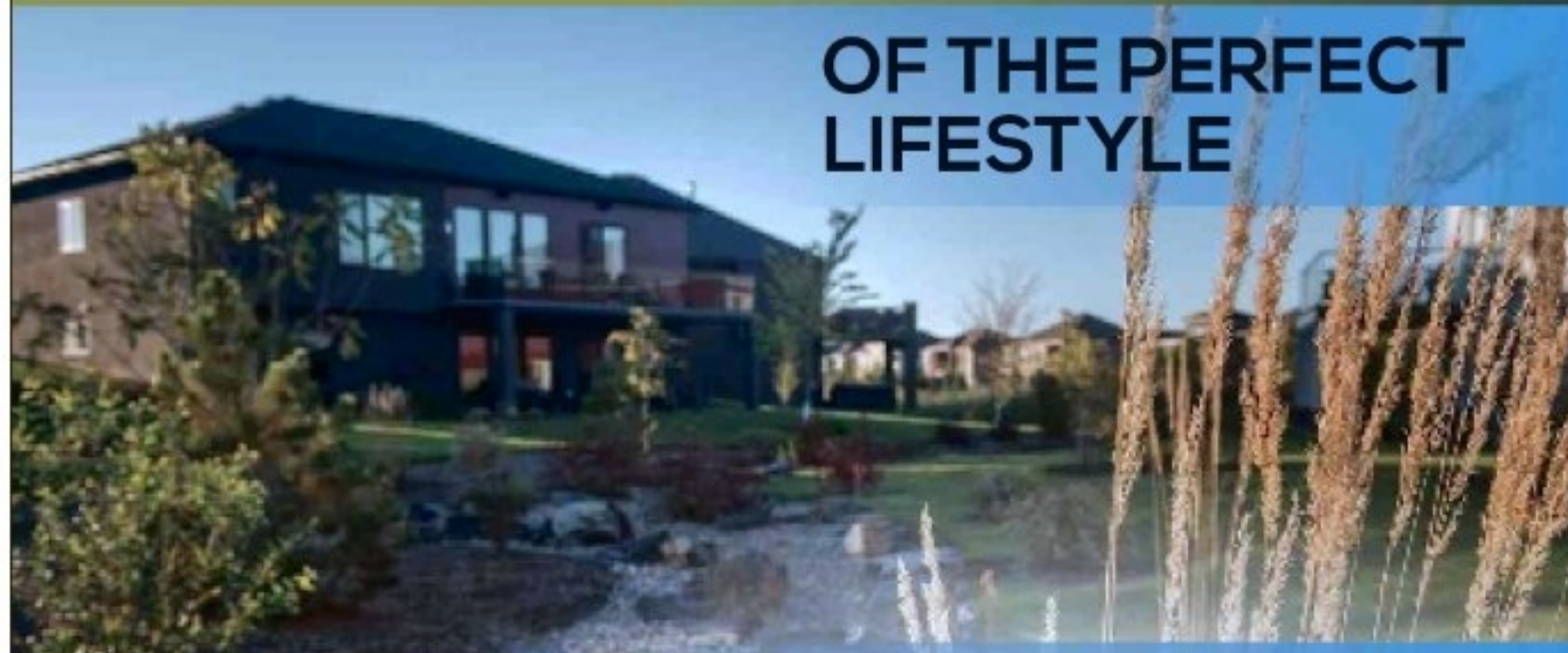
naming process helps form that connection to the bears and inspire people to take positive actions in their own lives to combat climate change."

The two cubs are now on exhibit at the Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre in Assiniboine Park Zoo. Everyone is invited to check them out, especially as the temperatures warm up over the weekend. The zoo is open every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



The female cub, Nanuq (left), and male Siku (right). CONTRIBUTED

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TECH

City considers new charging stations



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Locals could soon have more places to charge their iPhones at two of Winnipeg's largest recreation centres.

The city will consider spending \$15,000 to install four new charging tables at the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex and the Pan Am Pool.

With the stations in place, users will be better able to recharge their smartphones, tablets and e-readers, according to a new report.

"Both of the Pan Am Pool and (Cindy Klassen Recreation Com-

plex) have publicly-accessible Wi-Fi available, which makes it both frustrating and inconvenient when these devices run out of power," writes Cheryl Caron of the city's community services department.

Caron adds that both centres will be venues for the upcoming Canada Summer Games.

The innovation committee will consider the request on Friday.

During the same meeting, councillors will also look at spending \$83,633 to upgrade the video system used in council chambers to livestream meetings.

A report proposes replacing the current equipment, which was installed in 2006 and is operated manually, with remote-controlled cameras.

DEFICIT

Police see red in 2016

Due to lower-than-expected revenue from photo radar enforcement, 2016 is looking to be a deficit year for the city's police service.

A new third quarter financial report projects the service to have overspent its budget by \$5.1 million.

The deficit is partly due to a bump in salary and pension costs after increases to the service's collective agreement. Revenues from school zones and photo enforcement have also dropped, while overtime costs are rising, the report said. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

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Canuck cliché may be true

IDENTITY

Canadians are as nice as the world insists, author says

When Michigan-born author Kerry Colburn started dating a Canadian, her girlfriends had an immediate great impression of him — without even meeting the guy.

"They would say, 'Oh you're so lucky, you're dating a Canadian. Those guys are so nice!'" recalls Colburn, who went on to marry the Canuck.

The fact he was Canadian seemed to be the only thing her gal pals needed to know, she chuckles.

The notion that Canadians are extra nice is an enduring stereotype the Seattle-based writer wholeheartedly buys into, and it would seem a lot of Americans do, too.

Meryl Streep was the latest to invoke the cliché in her Golden Globes speech on Sunday, a barbed critique of U.S.

president-elect Donald Trump that included a salute to Ontario's Ryan Gosling for being "the nicest people."

"It's so funny that of all the adjectives that she could use for the Canadians she says 'the nicest,' right?" says Colburn, who teamed with her husband to co-write the books "The U.S. of EH?" and "So, You Want to be Canadian?"

Like it or not, Canadians should embrace this persistent perception, mostly because it's true, U.S. author and avid traveller Eric Weiner says.

"I get a lot of push-back from Canadians who say, 'We're really not that nice,'" says Weiner.

"I know Canadians will bristle and say, 'We're really just passive-aggressive.' ... There is an element of passivity, I think, in the Canadian character that comes across sometimes, but really I think the niceness is this politeness and this humility that we don't have here."

Of course, like any stereotype, the notion of the "nice Canadian" is not universally true, he adds. THE CANADIAN PRESS



POLITICS TRUDEAU FACES TOUGH QUESTIONS ON TOUR

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau gestures to a member of the audience during the question and answer session during a town hall meeting in Kingston, Ont. on Thursday.

Trudeau, who faced critical questions about issues including the Phoenix pay controversy and the handling of indigenous issues, is at the start of a whirlwind, taxpayer-funded outreach tour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VACATION

PM confirms, defends private flight to island

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is confirming — and defending — his use of a private helicopter while vacationing with the Aga Khan, saying it was the only way to get to his friend's secluded Bahamian island.

The prime minister and his family spent time over Christmas at Bell Island in the Bahamas.

To do so, they flew to Nassau on a Canadian government

jet, but made the last leg of the journey aboard the Aga Khan's helicopter.

Trudeau's own ethics guidelines bar the use of sponsored travel in private aircraft, allowing only for exceptional circumstances related to the job of prime minister and only with the prior approval of the ethics commissioner.

But he says he doesn't be-

lieve the trip poses any ethical dilemma.

He says he's happy to discuss the matter with conflict of interest and ethics commissioner Mary Dawson "and answer any questions she may have."

Trudeau only confirmed the helicopter flight when speaking to reporters on Thursday, noting it's the only way to get to Bell Island.

"The travel back and forth from Nassau happens on the Aga Khan's private helicopter, which he offered us the use of," Trudeau said. "It's something that certainly we look forward to discussing with the conflict of interest and ethics commissioner, but we don't see an issue on that." He repeated that the vacation was a family trip.

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IN BRIEF

Cuban immigration policy ends after many years

Barack Obama announced Thursday he is ending a longstanding policy that allows any Cuban who makes it to U.S. soil to stay. The repeal of the "wet foot, dry foot" policy is effective immediately, and follows months of negotiations focused on getting Cuba to agree to take back people who had arrived in the U.S.

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Carson tells Senate he understands how it feels to worry about housing

Former Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson defended his experience and credentials Thursday to serve as the nation's new housing secretary, turning to his life story to show that he understands the needs of the country's most vulnerable.

President-elect Donald Trump wants Carson, a former White House rival, to lead the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a sprawling agency with 8,300 employees and a

budget of about \$48 billion.

At his confirmation hearing before the Senate Banking, House and Urban Affairs Committee, the famed neurosurgeon talked about growing up in inner-city Detroit with a single mother who had a third-grade education and worked numerous jobs to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table.

"I have actually in my life understood what housing in-

security was," he told lawmakers.

Democrats in the GOP-run Senate questioned his experience. Carson said one of the things he's learned in private life as part of various boards is how to find a good CEO. He said a good CEO doesn't necessarily know everything about running a particular business, but he knows how to select people and use their talents.

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An emotional Joe Biden accepts the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bromance for the ages

UNITED STATES

Biden in tears as Obama gives him medal

President Barack Obama awarded Vice-President Joe Biden with the highest civilian honour Thursday, commemorating an "extraordinary man with an extraordinary career in public service."

A teary-eyed Biden accepted the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a ceremony at the White House dedicated to honouring the outgoing vice-president.

Obama said he is bestowing the honour on Biden for "faith in your fellow Americans, for your love of country and a lifetime of service that will endure through the generations."

Biden praised his wife and children for their support through-

out his career, and praised the Obama family for their dedication to country and service.

"I was part of the journey of a remarkable man who did remarkable things," Biden said.

Speaking ahead of Biden, Obama said the tribute will give the Internet one last chance to joke about the "bromance" the two share. He called Biden the "best possible choice, not just for me, but for the American people."

Obama commended the "Biden heart," listing the influences in Biden's life, from the nuns who taught him in grade school, to his Senate colleagues, to his parents.

Noting that Biden's career is "nowhere close to finished," Obama said his vice-president will go on to have an impact in the U.S. and abroad.

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SYRIA

Airstrikes continue despite ceasefire

The UN envoy for Syria said Thursday that a ceasefire was "largely holding, with some exceptions," as opposition activists reported a mounting number of government airstrikes, including a raid in the northern Aleppo province that killed at least six civilians.

Speaking to reporters in Geneva, Staffan de Mistura said he was concerned that fighting northwest of Damascus that has cut off the capital's clean water supply would further escalate and derail proposed negotiations between the government

and the opposition in Astana, Kazakhstan, later this month.

The talks are sponsored by Russia and Turkey, which support opposing sides of the Syrian civil war. But the status of the meeting, planned for Jan. 23, is not clear. Rebels say the government's continued campaign for the Barada Valley, the capital's main source of water, has cast the talks in doubt.

The UN says the capital has suffered from a water shortage affecting 5.5 million consumers since December 22.

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Goodbye & hello

Obama's big farewell, and Trump's first media hello, couldn't have done more to put the past and present into sharp relief

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Did you hear the echo in Barack Obama's voice during his farewell address? It made him sound like a man already speaking from the past. Or if you take seriously his message of hope — that consistent, plodding message of hope — a man speaking from the future.

Maybe you were also online, watching the stories stream in via CNN and the New York Times detailing all the dirt that Russia, allegedly, has on President-elect Donald Trump.

Watching reporters lob complicated, double-barred questions at Trump during his press conference the next day, questions he easily sidestepped; watching Trump turn said press conference, meant to cover his enormous conflicts of interest, into a referendum on how the media handled the steamy allegations of blackmail dirt; watching Trump stock the marbled room with a cheering audience and piles of paper, signaling that all press conferences from now on will be staged like a performance; all this suggested that someone still has the upper hand. And it's an orange one.

This week, with Obama's big goodbye, and Trump's first media hello, couldn't have done more to put the past and present into sharp relief.

Obama spoke, as always, with passion, composure, and eloquent complete sentences.



The differences between Barack Obama and Donald Trump couldn't have been sharper this week. GETTY IMAGES

Trump spoke, as always, with derision, falsities and the rhetorical equivalent of splashing around in a pool. Very early Wednesday morning, Trump compared his political opponents to "Nazi Germany" on Twitter.

Later, we learned that the 2016 "Russia Law Firm of the Year," Morgan Lewis, was picked to handle Trump's business conflicts of interest, just as Trump was forced to admit Russia hacked the DNC and sought to influence the U.S. election in his favour, which itself came after months of Putin-fawning and intelligence-community bashing. Putin's fondness for Trump is "an asset," Trump asserted, without any irony. Later, he took to Twitter to tell everyone to go "buy L.L. Bean."

Trump's attack on Buzzfeed and CNN during his press conference should alarm the media. (He called Buzzfeed a "failing pile of garbage," and CNN "fake news," and refused to answer a CNN reporter's questions.) So should his clear disinterest in regular press

conferences.

The institution of the presidency will not emerge from four years of Trump unchanged. It's already begun to mould around him during the transition, especially on the matter of communication with the press and conflicts of interest. When Trump called the unsubstantiated report of Russian blackmail and influence "fake news," he continued the tradition of hyperbolic statements intended to destabilize any sense of a common reality.

When he again argued only reporters care about seeing his tax returns, he ignored the facts. This week poll found 60 per cent of Americans agree with reporters, but 53 per cent of Republicans agree with Trump.

Trump, it's clear, considers his supporters to be Americans, the media to be the enemy, and everyone else to be invisible. This is how we can expect him to govern. From hope to harassment: The presidential transition of our time.

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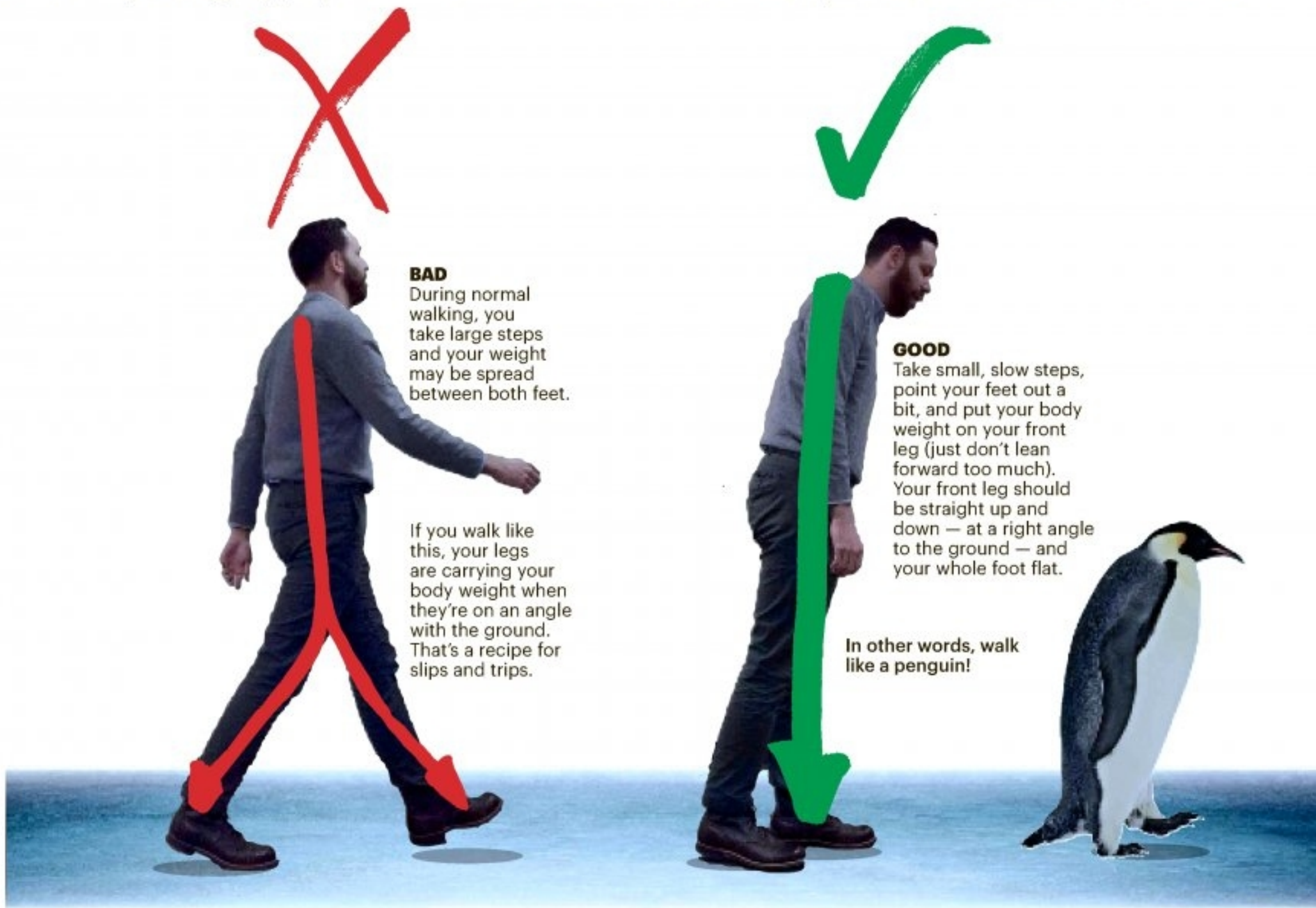
Your essential daily news

Doggone sad: Big dogs may have short lives because they burn a lot of energy, making chemicals called free radicals that speed up aging

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

MARCH LIKE A PENGUIN, FOR SAFETY

Falls are a big deal. In winter, very real fear of falling can isolate the elderly and people with disabilities indoors, but anyone can take a tumble. A group of German doctors has published guidelines on how to walk safely during slippery-sidewalk season. We recruited Metro reporter Luke Simcoe to demonstrate.



BAD
During normal walking, you take large steps and your weight may be spread between both feet.

If you walk like this, your legs are carrying your body weight when they're on an angle with the ground. That's a recipe for slips and trips.

GOOD
Take small, slow steps, point your feet out a bit, and put your body weight on your front leg (just don't lean forward too much). Your front leg should be straight up and down — at a right angle to the ground — and your whole foot flat.

In other words, walk like a penguin!

FINDINGS Your week in science



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MONKEY MATH
University of Toronto researchers believe capuchin monkeys have some understanding of probability. When given a choice between different jars, they pick ones with proportionally more peanuts. It's a level of numeracy beyond "less" and "more" we thought only humans had.

TIGHTEST KNOT
University of Manchester scientists have the boy scouts beat. They braided molecular strands into the tightest, most complex knot ever made. It crosses itself eight times.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION
An **antigen** is a molecule (often part of a germ) that launches your immune system into attack mode. In response to contact with an **antigen**, you make sticky proteins called **antibodies** to fight it.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Everybody is staying ten feet away from Deborah because she's sneezing and sniffing. But she doesn't have the flu. Her body thinks the dust in here is an **antigen**, even though it's harmless, and her immune system is on the attack. She has a dust **allergy**.



CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

How can I boost my immune system?

Does zinc, echinacea or vitamin C help boost the immune system? - Levon, Toronto

Given what a gnarly cold and flu season we're in, I wish I had some better news for you. Alas, no.

The first thing to ask when someone claims this or that potion "boosts the immune system" is "Which part of it?" The immune system isn't one thing. It's physical barriers, specialized cells and response mechanisms all working together to fight off invaders like cold and flu viruses.

The second thing to ask is "what are the side effects?" A true, measurable, significant boost to the immune system can leave you feeling pretty crummy. Ever gotten a shot of interferon to help rev up the inflammatory response your body uses to fight a virus? The disease-fighting proteins released into the blood are the same ones you get from a hangover. What about sargramostim, which helps make white blood cells if yours have been wiped out by chemo? One of the side effects is "bone pain." Ick.

It's true your immune system may fall down on the job if you're stressed, malnourished, smoking, or deficient in essential vitamins or minerals. But if you're generally healthy, there isn't that much you can do to get immunity superpowers, cool as that would be.

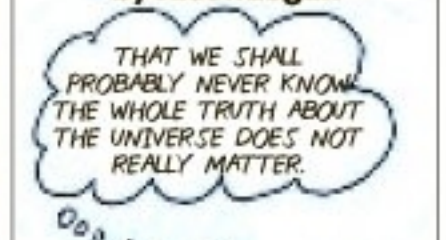
On to specifics: There's a bit of evidence, from reviews of previous studies, that taking echinacea or zinc supplements may shorten the duration of colds very slightly. But the data are mixed and the effect is small to insignificant, especially in the case of echin-

acea. Getting enough vitamin C helps you have fewer colds, but it doesn't do much once you're sick.

A vitamin D researcher I spoke to once reminded me of something else: Some studies that find that vitamin supplements have a benefit (i.e. a vitamin prevents colds), didn't screen people for deficiency. The pills didn't give people extra immunity: They fixed what was broken, allowing the immune system to work as it should.

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In Focus



Meryl Streep has a body of work that speaks for itself and, as she proved last Sunday night from the stage of the Golden Globes, is unafraid to challenge the status quo. But last week while the world formed opinions about Streep as she mouthed off about Donald Trump, I had my eye on someone in the audience.

During Streep's speech the camera landed on Annette Bening, who gives the Grand Dame a run for her money, acting wise.

This weekend Bening adds 20th Century Women to her already stellar IMDB resume. As free-spirited single mother Dorothea she is, as writer David Edelstein wrote, irreducible. In other words she's complex: loving yet stand-offish, warm but steely, a hippie who studies the stock market and Bening brings her to vivid life.

It's that density of character that sets Bening apart from her peers, Streep included. Warren Beatty, her husband and sometimes director says she has, "talent, beauty, wit, humility and grace," a combination that makes her "the best actress alive."

Biased? Likely, but the evidence is on the screen. Bening works sporadically, sometimes taking years between projects or taking small supporting roles in idiosyncratic independent films like Ruby Sparks, but her characters are always compelling.

She became a star playing femme fatale Myra in 1990's con artist caper The Grifters. Gleefully embracing her character's deviousness, she stole the movie. Then came intricate portrayals of everything from a neurotic real estate broker

At the top of her field

Hollywood's second Grand Dame Annette Bening might be best of all



In 20th Century Women, Annette Bening serves up trademark density to her free-spirited character Dorothea. CONTRIBUTED

in American Beauty to Bugsy's tough-talking Hollywood starlet and In Dreams' psychic vigilante. Each performance is a polished gem even when the movies aren't as good as she is.

The last of her Best Actress Oscar nods came with 2010's The Kids Are Alright. At the center of story are Nic (Bening) and Jules (Julianne Moore), a long time lesbian couple raising their two kids. It's a happy family until their daughter contacts her biological father Paul (Mark Ruffalo) via the sperm bank.

A scene near the movie's end displays the complexity of

Bening's work. Nic and Paul sing a Joni Mitchell song at a dinner party. Their wild act is joyful, ridiculous and poignant simultaneously and is a perfect microcosm of Bening's performance. It's her well-drawn character that keeps the basic story afloat

with its lived-in, realistic feel.

Less known is Bening's fine work in The Face of Love, a 2014 film about a widow obsessed with a man who looks exactly like her late husband Tom. Trouble is, she never tells him about his resemblance, raising

the question: Is she in love with Tom or a memory?

Is she a selfish conniver, a grief stricken widow or one brick short of a load? The movie allows for interpretation, but regardless of your take, Bening's performance is so raw and vulnerable it's difficult to completely condemn her behaviour.

Bening's name may not always be mentioned in the hushed tones as Streep, but I suspect she doesn't care for the accolades as much as shattering the clichés of how women are portrayed on film. On that score she is at the top of her field.

+ THE MERYL STREEP I KNOW

Overrated is the last word I would use to describe Meryl Streep as an actress or interview subject. Like everybody else I've admired her work from the early fresh-faced roles in films like Manhattan to the emotional catharsis of Kramer vs. Kramer, through her accent phase and beyond.

I've also interviewed her several times. In our conversations, as in her controversial speech at the Golden Globes, she's always been forthright, fearless and gracious.

Our first chat was 11 years ago in Minnesota. I've done hundreds of these things and the only thing they have in common is the amount of time sitting in hotel hallways. Experience taught me to always bring a book.

I read until it was time to talk with Streep. I sat opposite her under hot TV lights. Then she did something remarkable. Before my first question she asked me one. "What book are you reading?" No actor had ever asked me about my ever-present book. As we chatted I was being seduced by the Streep charm.

She was doing what she does in her work; taking our time beyond the professional and into the personal. That bond to her audience and her characters is what makes her great, not just as an actress or speech-maker but also as a person. Overrated? I think not. RICHARD CROUSE/METRO



MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Shaking things up at Sundance

CANADIAN CONTENT

Indigenous films bring new sense of urgency to fest

Rise and Rumble aren't just the titles of two noteworthy Canadian productions headed to this month's Sundance Film Festival. They're also statements of purpose.

Canada's filmmakers are out to get attention and shake up conventional wisdom at Sundance (Jan. 19-29).

This is especially true regarding films from Canada's indigenous communities. They've always been welcome at Sundance, but the selections this year have a new sense of urgency.

Rise, directed by Toronto's Michelle Latimer, an Algonquin/Métis filmmaker, is an original series for Rogers Media's ViceLand TV channel, planned for broadcast early this year.

Premiering in Sundance's Special Events section, Rise is billed as "a condemnation of colonialism and a celebration of Indigenous people worldwide." Three episodes premiering at Sundance — Sacred Water, Red Power and Apache Stronghold — show how native North Americans and their global supporters are peacefully, but forcefully, fighting back against exploitation of their land: at the Standing

Rock Indian Reservation spanning North Dakota and South Dakota, where the Dakota Access Pipeline threatens water supplies; and also at Arizona's San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, where mining companies seek to dig up sacred ground.

"As a filmmaker I think I have a very real responsibility to bear witness," director/showrunner Latimer says via email. "How can I go work on a reality show about food or something when there are people in my own community dying because of lack of clean water, medical care and housing — and this is supposed to be in one of the most affluent countries in the world?"

"Something is very, very wrong when you look at that picture. Making films gives me a platform to explore and communicate the things in society I disagree with. And it gives me a productive place to direct my anger. Because believe me, I'm angry at both the disparity and the privilege I see around me every day." One of the Standing Rock episodes includes an interview with Jesse Wenthe, a member of the Ojibwa nation and TIFF's director of film programs.

"The rise of Indigenous media has really occurred in the last 10 years," he says. "There's absolutely a connection between the rise of things like Twitter, Facebook and other social media. The fact that you don't need to have a desk in a mainstream newsroom to necessarily have a voice in

I'm angry at both the disparity and the privilege I see around me every day.

Filmmaker
Michelle Latimer

today's media has meant a lot for marginalized communities."

It also allows these communities to correct the historical record, which is the impetus for Rumble, subtitled The Indians Who Rocked the World. It's a documentary account of how musicians with aboriginal roots, including guitar greats Jimi Hendrix, Link Wray, Charley Patton and The Band's Robbie Robertson, made a profound impact on popular music.

Sundance director John Cooper is excited about Rise and Rumble playing his festival because these films are "taking it to a place where you can actually effect change through the storytelling itself. I think that's what Rumble is going to do, because ... it brings you closer into looking at our world a little differently."

"With Rise, I really like the whole notion of young people and young voices telling these stories, which is part of the mission of that project."

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Michelle Latimer directs Rise, a ViceLand TV series that's planned for broadcast early this year. Episodes show how native North Americans and their global supporters are peacefully but forcefully fighting back against exploitation of their land. COURTESY OF SUNDANCE INSTITUTE

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5 CLASSIC SITES TO SEE WHEN YOU HIT UP ATHENS

As a seaside metropolis with a lively outdoor vibe and dozens of picturesque islands beckoning nearby, Athens is more often considered a summer tourist destination than a winter escape. But if you've got more than beaches on your mind, there's plenty of upside to a brief cool visit that avoids the crowds and heat of summer. Here's a suggested itinerary for a three-day visit: **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



1 The Odeon of Herodes Atticus

The Odeon of Herodes Atticus, or Herodeion is a stone theatre structure located on the southwest slope of the Acropolis of Athens. The Herodeion still hosts the occasional live performance.

2 The Erechtheion



The Acropolis is particularly striking to view at night, when brilliantly illuminated. A 10-euro entrance fee to the compound takes you along a course of the central structures of Greek mythology as you climb past the Theatre of Dionysus, the Propylaea, the Erechtheion.



4 Temple of Poseidon

A rewarding outing is the bus ride along the "Greek Riviera" down to the southern peninsula of Sounion, where the Temple of Poseidon reveals a breathtaking view of the sea. The deep blue waters ripple around the ancient hilltop structure dedicated to the god of the sea. The salty breeze offers an escape from the bustle of Athens, as mountains and the rocky ancient landscape provides a tranquil parting from Greece.



4 The Parthenon

The centerpiece of ancient Greece and modern-day Athens, the Acropolis literally stands above everything else and looms majestically over the city. A 20-minute walk to the top unveils the most famous structure of all, the Parthenon — a former temple dedicated to the goddess Athena, the city's patron. However, the scaffolding of its prolonged restoration project takes a bit away from its grandeur.

5 Syntagma Square

This is the heart of the city and site of mass protests in recent years over the Greek economic crisis. The square is right in front of parliament and the tomb of the unknown soldier, where soldiers in kilt-like garments and red leather clogs with black pompoms perform elaborate changing of the guard ceremonies several times a day.



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The tap is pulled forward, a pint glass tilted at an angle below, ready for the flow of golden liquid. Maybe it's an India Pale Ale, a blond, a sour or perhaps something a little darker like a Belgian-style Flanders.

Whatever quenches your thirst, craft brewers in Regina are offering beer selections to please the palate.

The guys at Rebellion Brewing brewed their 300th batch this month. That's the equivalent of one million pints since the company opened about two years ago.

"That's pretty awesome," said Mark Heise, who was a home brewer and became one of Rebellion's founders along with Jamie Singer.

"And I don't think our attitude has changed a whole lot — we still are just trying to make really fun, exciting beers that we enjoy."

Singer says the craft beer industry is growing across Canada and it's just starting to explode in Saskatchewan.

He says there's a feeling of camaraderie in the industry and everyone can work together to make Regina and the region a draw for craft beer.

"Our whole idea is very akin to what the winery region in the Okanagan is or Niagara region is," said Singer.

"They're all competitors, but ultimately, also, if you can pull people into that local stuff and get them drinking really great craft beer, or wine in the Okanagan, everybody else is going to be turned on to it too ... and we start to grow that whole market together."

Rebellion is in Regina's Warehouse District.

The tap room has 16 beers on tap, including beer from other Saskatchewan breweries, such as Nokomis Craft Ales, a microbrewery in Nokomis, about 135 kilometres north of Regina.

There's a small food menu that's all local, from the pizza to the pretzels to the meat pies. In the summer, food trucks set up out front.

"It's about just celebrating



Mark Heise and Jamie Singer, co-founders of Rebellion Brewing Company in Regina, are celebrating their 300th batch this month. MICHAEL BELL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

and enjoying things that make your community unique," said Heise.

Singer says the Bushwakker Brewpub, also in the Warehouse District, set the foundation for craft beer in Regina.

The Bushwakker Brewpub opened more than 25 years ago.

It's a full restaurant with the brewery attached. The walls have works from Saskatchewan artists, photographs from Re-

gina's history — including when the Warehouse District was hit by a tornado in 1912 — and local music pours from the speakers. Bar manager Grant Frew says craft brewers, like Bushwakker, Rebellion and Regina's Malty National, are "all about making really good beer."

"The smaller breweries, we're making smaller batches of beer, we can use nothing but malted barley — that's the only thing

that we use to produce the alcohol — and that has much more flavour," explained Frew.

The first Saturday of December has come to be known as Mead Day in Regina. The brew pub uses honey from the nearby community of Lumsden to make its Blackberry Mead and people wait for hours in anticipation.

The Bushwakker Brewpub sells more than 30 beers, including its own specialty and

IF YOU GO

Rebellion Brewing offers free tours on Saturdays at 2 p.m. Group tours can be arranged too.

Bushwakker Brewpub will do free tours. Call ahead to make plans. It also offers a beer school for around \$10.

Nokomis, Black Bridge Brewery in Swift Current, Paddock Wood microbrewery in Saskatoon and Malty National.

Malty National is a microbrewery nestled in Regina's Heritage neighbourhood, in a building with a coffee shop and a vintage record and clothing store. It opened in March 2016.

Kelsey Beach, one of the owners of Malty National, says they brew six times a month. One beer was brewed with hops donated by local residents.

"Every brewery has its own taste and flavour profile ... and you can't get beers like the Bushwakker or Rebellion or Malty National elsewhere in Canada," said Beach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CUISINE

Slovenia in the spotlight

A master chef is bringing attention to the cuisine of Melania Trump's homeland.

Ana Ros, who starred last year in an episode of the Chef's Table Netflix series, runs what some consider Slovenia's best restaurant in a remote village inn.

Slovenian tourism officials recently brought Ros to New York to showcase her culinary talents at a time when tourism in the country is booming, up to nearly three million tourists a year in a country of two million people.

Ros heads the kitchen in an inn called Hisa Franko. Her ever-changing menu there reads like no other, to name just a few dishes: fried white asparagus with celery cream; arctic char with wild berries and butter-milk; pasta filled with whipped cheese from sheep in nearby pastures, served with langoustines and mushrooms; and pork and lobster with ginger and pickled garlic on a bed of ancient Indian herbal leaves.

Ros' husband, cheese and wine expert Valter Kramar, inherited Hisa Franko and a small farm from his father. The inn is located in the remote village of Kobarič, in the western part of the country, surrounded by pine forests in the emerald Soca River Valley. It



Top chef Ana Ros heads the kitchen at Hisa Franko in a remote Slovenian village. The tiny nation of two million is now hosting nearly three million tourists a year. SLOVENIAN TOURIST BOARD

was here that Ernest Hemingway set part of his World War I novel, A Farewell to Arms.

Ros and Kramar have travelled the world, blending global tastes and techniques with ingredients from local fields and their own vegetable garden. In some ways, Ros' menus reflect the cross-currents that define Slovenia, nestled as it is between Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia.

When Melania Trump was a student in Ljubljana in the 1980s, the city was rocked by punk re-

bels and activists impatient to shake off the vestiges of drab socialist bureaucracy. Slovenia was mostly spared in the brutal civil war that followed independence from Yugoslavia of other republics farther south.

Now, Ljubljana is a lively metropolis of about 300,000 residents, but the city's roots go back to prehistory: A museum displays the earliest wheel used by humans in the area, before the ancient Romans arrived.

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Hit on Laine raises questions

NHL

Was McCabe just doing his job or was there malice involved?

Darrin Bauming
For Metro

The collision between Winnipeg Jets forward Patrik Laine and Buffalo Sabres defenceman Jake McCabe last weekend left a lasting mark on hockey fans.

In the aftermath of a hit that resulted in both players reeling from injury — McCabe with a deep cut under his eye that required roughly a dozen stitches, and Laine out indefinitely with a concussion — a greater conversation emerged.

Many continue to debate the merits of such violent, open-ice — and legal — hits in today's NHL and whether they belong in hockey anymore. Earlier this week, Metro's Braeden Jones argued "the definition of 'clean' should be adjusted," and "hard hits don't belong in hockey anymore."

While the NHL is a violent league, employing men paid millions of dollars to entertain hockey fans, nobody wants to see anyone suffer serious injury, be it a concussion or otherwise. The Laine collision left many breathless, but asking "if McCabe needed to hit Laine that hard," raises a couple of pressing issues.

First, was there intent to hurt Laine, or was the defender simply ensuring one of the league's



Winnipeg Jets' Patrik Laine, far right, lays on the ice as Jake McCabe, far left, of the Buffalo Sabres is separated from Mark Scheifele of the Winnipeg Jets by linesman David Brisebois during the third period at the KeyBank Center on January 7. KEVIN HOFFMAN/GETTY IMAGES

most dynamic offensive threats doesn't stroll around him? And secondly, is any player able to temper their speed and strength to a "reasonable" point where they will be able to effectively do their job while also ensuring subsequent injury does not occur?

First, let's look at McCabe's face which needed roughly a dozen stitches to close the gaping wound after colliding with Laine's helmet. Is this an instance where one player doled out unnecessary punishment?

It looks more like an unfortunate incident resulting from the fastest game on earth. Laine is six-foot-five and 206 pounds — hitting him within the rules of the game puts both parties at risk. It always does. And Laine

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The amount of points Patrik Laine has after his first 42 NHL games. His talent may be the reason he was hit so hard by McCabe.

should be held equally responsible for his own safety, with the puck on his stick and in the path of a check within the rules of the game.

NHLers are paid beyond handsomely to play in the best league in the world, and part in parcel of the paycheck is the risk of injury. Ask any player. It comes with the territory.

This is far from an epidemic. Hellacious open-ice hits are a relatively rare occurrence in today's game, and it's likely because both players assume similar injury risk. The McCabe-Laine hit wasn't even that hard, paling in comparison to the unfortunate result.

Second, can we assume McCabe could still effectively do his job while assuring he did not hit Laine too hard?

Just look at what Laine has been able to do in his first 42 NHL games — 21 goals and 37 points, while compiling multiple highlight reel plays. If McCabe lets up while attempting to check Laine, he could be allowing a goal-scoring machine to walk right around him, and

those aforementioned handsome paychecks will soon be gone for Mr. McCabe.

I'm just not sure how you ask a player to find that "happy window" where it is both ensured he can effectively do his job while assuming a lower injury risk. You wouldn't be changing a rule or two — instead transforming a competitive professional game into a non-competitive one.

The NHL should do everything possible to continually ensure the highest level of safety for the players, but proposing fundamental changes as to how the game is played is precipitous. Over-regulating the level of effort and drive in professional sports will transform it into professional theatre.

IN BRIEF

Thomas joins the 59 club at Sony Open in Hawaii

Fresh off his win on Maui, Justin Thomas joined the '59 Club' on the PGA Tour by making a 15-foot eagle on his last hole at the Sony Open for an 11-under 59.

Thomas holed a 10-foot par putt on the eighth hole to keep his hopes alive for a 59 at Waialae Country Club. From a deep fairway bunker on the par-5 ninth, Thomas hit a 5-iron to 15 feet and wasted no time making the putt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Source: Barney agrees to one-year Jays contract

A person with knowledge of the negotiations said that second baseman Darwin Barney has agreed to a \$2,887,500, one-year contract with the Toronto Blue Jays, avoiding salary arbitration.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had made no announcement of the deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Criminal charges pending Hillsborough disaster

British prosecutors will consider criminal charges against 23 suspects following separate investigations into the Hillsborough Stadium disaster in 1989 in which 96 soccer fans were killed.

The charges under consideration include manslaughter and perverting the course of justice as a result of an alleged cover-up by police.

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Hellebuyck's career on upward trajectory

VIEW FROM THE 300S

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'Hustler'
Paterson



Not surprisingly most of the headlines this year featuring the Winnipeg Jets have focused on rookie phenom Patrik Laine. Laine has 21 goals in his first half NHL season and was selected to play in the NHL all-star game this week, making him the youngest European ever named to the mid-season showcase of hockey's biggest stars.

Now with Laine currently on the shelf recovering from a concussion suffered last weekend in Buffalo, it's the steady improvement and confidence of another young jet that has many believing a playoff push is still in the cards for 2017.

Connor Hellebuyck started the season opener in net for the Jets with a mere 26 games of NHL experience after the club sent veteran starter Ondrej Pavelec to the Manitoba Moose. This unexpected move left Hellebuyck and Michael Hutchinson as the team's last line of defence for this season. And while both goalies have struggled at times, Hellebuyck is showing promising signs that he can not only be the goalie of the future in Winnipeg, but a workhorse right now for the Jets.

Paul Maurice may have said a few times this year that he doesn't have a No. 1 goaltender but his actions tell a different story. With his start Wednesday against Montreal, Hellebuyck has been given the crease by his coach in six consecutive games and is



Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck entered this season with just 26 games of NHL experience.

KEVIN HOFFMAN/GETTY IMAGES

looking more and more like an established NHL starter as the season progresses.

The increased workload is a result of his improved play of late, but also the resiliency the young goalie has shown in bouncing back from less than stellar performances. Maurice knows that Hellebuyck gives his team the best chance to win and is showing confidence in him by continuing to roll him out night after night as the team tries to claw themselves into a playoff spot in the West.

Hellebuyck is easily the most entertaining interview in the Jets locker-room. He is

nothing if not honest, sometimes sounding like a kid. He will describe strong games as "fun" and enthusiastically praises his teammates' performances in post-game interviews in the same way



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you might hear fans talk upon leaving the rink after a win. Hellebuyck also has occasionally shut down questions about prior losses with lines like "I don't want to talk about that," rare but frank answers that you don't get very often in pro sports.

More than any other player on the Jets we can hear the growth of Hellebuyck through his words. He has

been straightforward about needing to improve his consistency and rebound control, and it seems to be working as his confidence grows as an NHL starter.

Goaltending is far and away the most important position in the NHL and has been an Achilles heel for the Jets in the past. It's a rarity that a 23-year-old would be given the responsibility of an everyday NHL starting job without the safety net of a proven veteran backup, but that is the situation in Winnipeg.

The Jets are in a position to still make a run and challenge for the playoffs. As Connor Hellebuyck's confidence and play continues to improve, so do the Jets' chances in the race.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Bryant moves past notorious no-catch

Dez Bryant still gets stopped all the time by people who are sure the officials blew the replay on the Dallas receiver's famous catch that wasn't in a playoff loss at Green Bay two years ago.

And the 2014 All-Pro figures if the Cowboys go on to win the Super Bowl as the top seed in the NFC, that play will be what fans want to talk to him about. Even if he wins another Super Bowl next year. And so on.

"Even if we were to win four or five Super Bowls, people still going to be like, 'He still caught it,'" Bryant said. "That's what it's going to be."

The Cowboys (13-3) get a divisional-round rematch with the Packers on Sunday, this time at home.

And while Bryant knew from the moment Green Bay (11-6) beat the New York Giants last weekend in the wild-card round that the disputed play would dominate the conversation, he's playing the part that coach Jason Garrett would prefer.

"I don't even care," Bryant said when asked if that moment was his first thought after the



Dez Bryant
GETTY IMAGES

+ DIVISIONAL SKED

SATURDAY

Seahawks at Falcons, 3:30 p.m.
Texans at Patriots, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Steelers at Chiefs, 12 p.m.
Packers at Cowboys, 3:30 p.m.

Packers won. "That was 2014. There's no extra motivation, there's no nothing. If there's any motivation it's just to prepare better than the last time."

The most notable change for the Cowboys since then is at QB, with rookie Dak Prescott winning 11 straight games in the regular season to take Tony Romo's job once Dallas' 10-year starter was ready to return from a pre-season back injury.

Back then, Romo gambled on fourth-and-2 from the Green Bay 32 with 4-1/2 minutes remaining. Bryant made a leaping grab over Sam Shields around the 2 and lunged for the end zone. What happened with the ball will be debated forever, some saying Bryant had control throughout the catch, others saying the ground jarred it loose briefly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL IN BRIEF

Chargers relocating after 56 years in San Diego

The San Diego Chargers are moving to Los Angeles, where they will join the recently relocated Rams in giving the U.S.'s second-largest media market two NFL teams for the first time in decades.

The team will be known as the Los Angeles Chargers and will relocate for the 2017 season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rams hire youngest head coach in league history

The Los Angeles Rams made Sean McVay the youngest head coach in NFL history on Thursday.

The Washington Redskins' offensive coordinator, who turns 31 on Jan. 24, replaces Jeff Fisher, who was fired midway through Rams' homecoming season in L.A. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Simple Roasted Pork Tenderloin with Sweet Potatoes and Apples



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Celebrate with a proper roast dinner. This one-pan recipe is simple to make — and clean up!

Ready in 1 hour, 5 minutes

Prep time: 15

Cook time: 50

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 3 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 3 Tbsp maple syrup
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1 large apple, peeled, cored and chopped into 1/2 inch wedges (use a firm apple)
- 2 tsp thyme, finely chopped
- 1 smallish sweet potato, peeled and chopped into 1/2-inch discs
- 1 onion, peeled and sliced into 1/4 inch rounds
- 1.25 – 1.5 kg pork loin
- Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In small bowl, mix 1 Tbsp Dijon, 1 Tbsp maple syrup, 1 Tbsp vinegar.

2. Assemble apples and vegetables in two rows in a roasting pan, alternating onion, sweet potato and apple. Brush marinade over everything. Roast 25 minutes.

3. Mix rest of Dijon, syrup, vinegar and thyme. Season pork with salt and pepper then brush marinade all over. Take roasting pan out of oven and place loin between the two rows of fruit and veg. Place back in oven 20 to 25 minutes. The internal temperature of pork should be between 140 and 145 degrees.

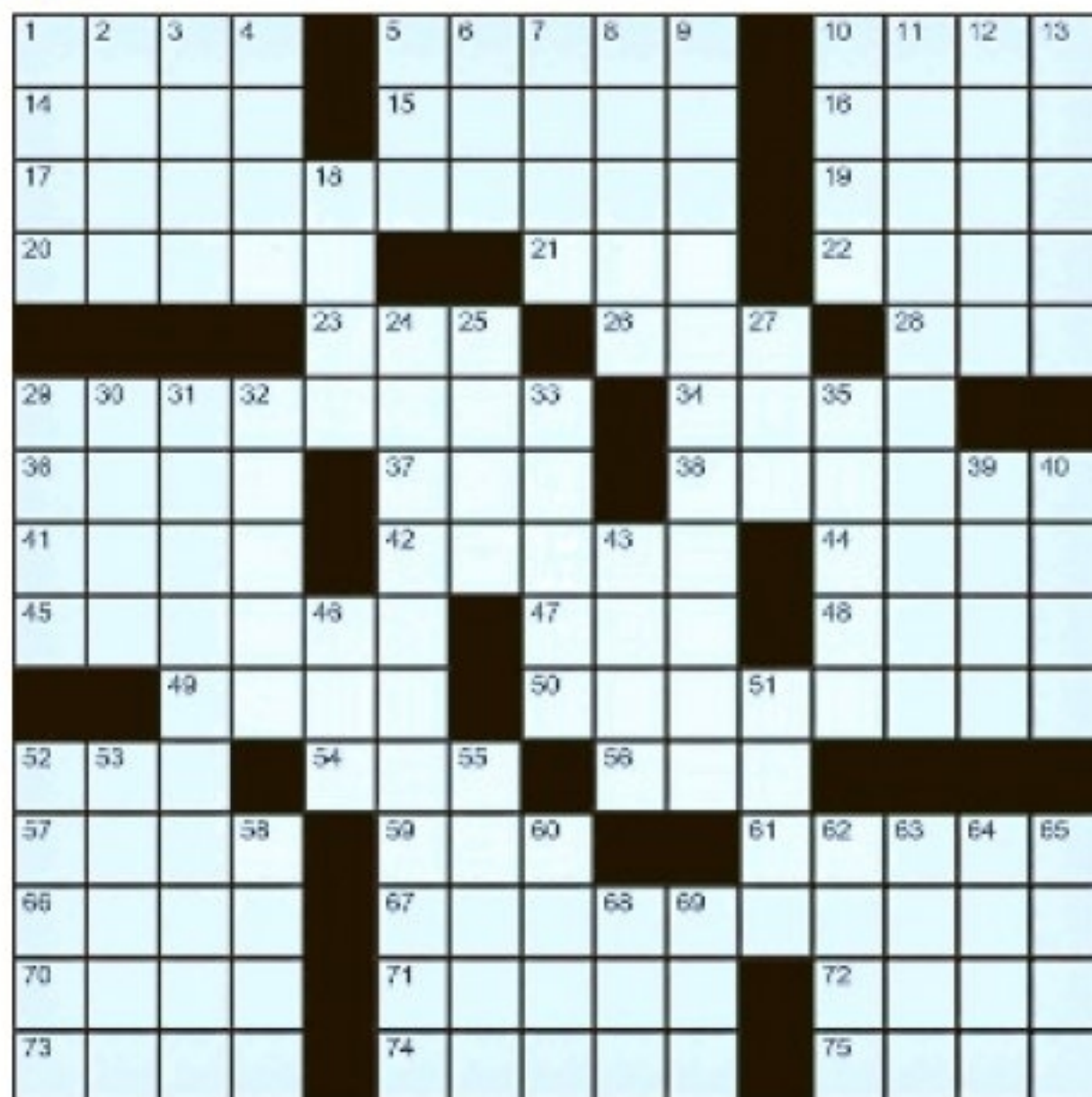
4. Take everything out and cover with foil for 10 minutes before slicing the pork and serving.

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1. Economist Mr. Greenspan
5. Alberta town just south of Edmonton
10. Loot
14. Singer/song-writer JJ
15. Ancient Greece's lyrical Muse
16. Mr. Gaston, Toronto Blue Jays championship Manager
17. Retro magical TV show featuring the dragon puppet of the title, "___"
19. Virginia willow
20. Portrait proper-upper
21. Fido's sound!
22. Gulf War missile
23. Seer's skill, shortly
26. Prefix with 'classical'
28. Some printers, e.g.
29. Star of #17-Across who played The Artful Dodger in "Oliver!" (1968): 2 wds.
34. Mr. Morales
36. "Son of ___"
37. Sonny & Cher
38. Artist-style hats
41. Sly tactic
42. TV star Ed
44. 5th Dimension's "___ and Away"
45. Lustrous fabric
47. Mining extract
48. 'The Big Easy'
49. Awful smelling
50. It's not pyrite: 2 wds.
52. Offshoot
54. Monogrammed star of "Buffy the



Vampire Slayer"
56. Caribbean music
57. Smashes
59. The Altar constellation
61. Ancient Greek colony
66. Moonfish
67. Stars grace them

during awards season: 2 wds.
70. 'Noon' in Montreal
71. Danny Zuko, e.g., in "Grease" (1978)
72. Level
73. Seaport of Yemen
74. Himalayas' fabled

creatures
75. Fictional detective Mr. Wolfe

DOWN

1. Pine
2. Ms. Flynn Boyle
3. Swiss peaks
4. Art museum in Manhattan, _ Galerie
5. Canadian actor Mr. Cariou
6. Hmms...
7. Spreadsheet info
8. Motorist's about-face
9. Workday rest period: 2 wds.
10. Friends of 'Fis'
11. Character on

- #17-Across who got around via her Vroom Broom
12. Totally consumed: 2 wds.
13. Provokes
18. Travelled via air
24. The Krofft Brothers from Montreal who produced the live-action/puppetry series at #17-Across: 3 wds.
25. Positive
27. Sugary suffix
29. Jams containers
30. Water, in Seville
31. Bespoke
32. Prepare to pray
33. Giver
35. Go up ___ (Step higher on the ladder)
39. Jethro _ (British rock band)
40. WWI fighter plane
43. '70s Spanish hit: "___ Tu"
46. '___' for Edmonton
51. Lion's retreat
52. Roses attraction
53. Swift
55. Loon-like bird
58. ___ pads (Hockey gear)
60. Mine entrance
62. Welcoming
63. Ms. Campbell
64. Old road of Rome
65. "It should come ___ surprise that..."
68. Dernier _ (Latest fashion)
69. Newspaper notices [abbr.]

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Because you are high-viz in the eyes of parents, bosses and VIPs right now, ask for what you want. It will be easier than you think to get people in power to say "yes" to your wishes.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Explore opportunities to travel and get further education, because this is what will expand your world. Expanding your world is what you need to do this month.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It's only natural that your focus is on shared property, inheritances, insurance issues and debt at this time. You have good ideas about these areas.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might have some unexpected insight into your closest relationships with others at this time. In fact, you can learn a lot about your own style of relating if you are aware.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You're willing to work hard now, because you're setting high standards for yourself. No slackers allowed! You want efficiency, effectiveness and productivity.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You're in touch with your creative vibes now, which is why you will enjoy exploring this energy. Meanwhile, sports events and playful times with children will appeal.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your conversations with a parent could be significant now, because there are changes that you are planning at home. You don't like to be caught off guard. You want to know what you're doing.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You want to be stimulated by short trips and conversations with others. You're full of ideas and you want to share them; plus, you want to hear what others think.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Cash flow and your assets are a concern right now. When you're making big plans, power is money. The question is, how much power do you have?

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are blessed now because the Sun is in your sign, boosting your energy and bringing opportunities and important people to you. Use this blessing wisely.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It behooves you to work alone or behind the scenes right now. You also might want to plan what you want your new year to be all about.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Friendships are important to you now. Your interaction with someone younger might help you make some future goals.

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